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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IT

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TRAVITALIA CHARTER FLIGHT

1. TRAVITALIA INC., A NEW YORK TOUR OPERATOR, HAS CONTRACTED PAN AM TO CONDUCT 12 DAY ROUNDTRIP ABC CHARTER TO ITALY. CHARTER DEPARTED NEW YORK FOR ROME ON APRIL 16 AND WAS TO RETURN ON APRIL 17. SOME TEN DAYS AFTER SUBJECT FLIGHT WAS SOLD OUT (ON FEB 19) AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THEIR CHARTER RULES WHICH CONTAIN A MINIMUM STAY REQUIREMENT OF 14 DAYS. MR. TONY BOVE OF TRAVITALIA ON APRIL 12 REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST HIM IN OBTAINING AN EXCEPTION FROM MINIMUM STAY RESTRICTION IN ORDER TO AVOID UNDUE DISRUPTION IN TRAVEL PLANS OF CHARTER PASSENGERS WHO ARE NOW IN ITALY.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE INFORMAL REPRESENTATION TO APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF SUBJECT CHARTER OPERATOR. IT COULD BE POINTED OUT THAT OPERATOR HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS IN GOOD FAITH BEFORE 14 DAY MINIMUM  
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STAY REQUIREMENT WAS ANNOUNCED. POSSIBLE TWO DAY DELAY OF RETURN FLIGHT WOULD NECESSITATE ALTERNATE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME PASSENGERS, AND COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES FOR OTHERS. WE HOPE ITALIANS MIGHT CONSIDER MAKING EXCEPTION TO THEIR RULES IN THIS CASE IN ORDER TO

AVOID PERSONAL HARDSHIP FOR THE TRAVELERS CONCERNED.

3. MR. BOVE ARRIVING ROME APRIL 13 AND PLANS TO CONTACT  
A. WENDELL WHITING TO DISCUSS HIS PREDICAMENT FURTHER.

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